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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Iowa high school athletic association's
2 state wrestling tournament and school calendar instructional
3 time established by school districts and accredited
4 nonpublic schools.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsection 1, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The school year for each school district and accredited
4 nonpublic school shall begin on July 1 and each regularly
5 established elementary and secondary school shall begin no
6 sooner than a day during the calendar week in which the first
7 day of September falls but no later than the first Monday in
8 December. However, if the first day of September falls on a
9 Sunday, school may begin on a day during the calendar week
10 which immediately precedes the first day of September. The
11 school calendar shall include not less than one hundred eighty
12 days, except as provided in subsection 3, or one thousand
13 eighty hours of instruction during the calendar year. The
14 board of directors of a school district and the authorities in
15 charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall set the number
16 of days or hours of required attendance for the school year
17 as provided in section 299.1, subsection 2, but the board of
18 directors of a school district shall hold a public hearing
19 on any proposed school calendar prior to adopting the school
20 calendar. If the board of directors of a district or the
21 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school extends
22 the school calendar because inclement weather caused the school
23 district or accredited nonpublic school to temporarily close
24 during the regular school calendar, the school district or
25 accredited nonpublic school may excuse a graduating senior
26 who has met district or school requirements for graduation
27 from attendance during the extended school calendar. A school
28 corporation may begin employment of personnel for in-service
29 training and development purposes before the date to begin
30 elementary and secondary school. The Thursday and Friday on
31 which the Iowa high school athletic association holds its state
32 wrestling tournament shall be considered school holidays and
33 those days shall not be construed or counted as instructional
34 time for purposes of section 256.7, subsection 19, in the
35 school calendar established by the board of directors of a

1 school district and the authorities in charge of an accredited
2 nonpublic school.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This bill provides that the two days on which the Iowa
7 high school athletic association holds its state wrestling
8 tournament shall be considered school holidays and those
9 days shall not be construed or counted as instructional time
10 for purposes of Code section 256.7, subsection 19, in the
11 school calendar established by the board of directors of a
12 school district and the authorities in charge of an accredited
13 nonpublic school.